GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2056 ANSWERED ON 22ND SEPTEMBER, 2020

CONSTRUCTION OF ALL-WEATHER ROADS

2056. SHRI PRATAPRAO PATIL CHIKHLIKAR: SHRIMATI MALA RAJYA LAXMI SHAH: SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

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be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to construct all-weather roads in the country particularly in Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the estimated expenditure to be incurred on these projects and the steps taken to finance them;

(d) whether the Government proposes to construct all-weather roads in flood affected and wet-land areas also;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details of locations identified for construction of all-weather roads in the country?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS

[GEN. (DR.) V. K. SINGH (RETD.)]

(a) to (c) This Ministry is primarily responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways (NHs). The projects for development of NHs in the country including in Uttarakhand are taken up based on the design and guidelines for National Highways to make them all weather roads. Ministry has allocated funds amounting to Rs. 1,46,457.45 Cr for development of NHs during FY 2020-21 for States/ UTs in the country.

(d) to (f) The development of NHs is a continuous process including in areas affected due to flood and wet-land, depending on various factors like terrain, road condition, traffic ,inter-se priority and availability of funds. The design principles and guidelines are so framed to provide (i) the road section at least one meter above the highest flood level/water table. (ii) adequate surface and subsurface drainage measure including camber on the top of the pavement and (iii)bituminous or concrete pavements as a top layer.

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